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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

New teachers — The Granite City School District has added nine new faculty members this year. Pictured here, from left, are Steve Balen, Granite City School District superintendent; Janet Gordon, a special education teacher at Wilson School; Lori Messina, school nurse at Wilson and Marshall schools; Brian Harshany, seventh and eighth grade physical education teacher at Coolidge Middle School; Jamie DeConcini, mathematics teacher at Granite City High School; Jason Pals, resource teacher at Marshall; Teri Brandenberger, business at GCHS; Ramona Benkert, GCHS counselor; Cherie England, special education at Wilson School; and Eldin Rea, president of the Board of Education.

16-year-old charged in death

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A 16-year-old boy was charged Tuesday with involuntary manslaughter in the death of an 18-year-old in Madison.



Hurlbut

The victim, W. Hurlbut, 18, of the 2000 block of Beckwith Street in Madison, died at St. Louis University Medical Center early Tuesday morning.

Police said the two were fighting in the 1900 block of

Edwardsville Road at about 7:30 p.m. Monday when the suspect struck Hurlbut, who fell and apparently hit his head on a concrete sidewalk.

The suspect was taken into custody at about 5 p.m. and was questioned Tuesday evening by detectives from the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis Police.

Because he was charged as a juvenile, police did not release the suspect's name.

The victim — who had been recently discharged from St. Louis University — was found at about 7:42 p.m. Monday in the 1900 block of Edwardsville Road bleeding from a head

(See DEATH, Page 9A)

Echols talks about merger

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A discussion about hiring more police using a federal grant turned into a larger discussion of city finances in which Mayor Tyrone Echols said the area's smaller communities are eventually going to have to consider merging to survive.

"It's fast coming," Echols said at Tuesday's city council meeting.

He said area school districts will eventually have to make similar decisions.

"This poor town had the dubious distinction of being split into two school districts."

He said between the Venice and Madison school districts they have enough students for one good-sized graduating class.

"Eventually it's going to happen (mergers)"

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Abbott buys ambulance firm

Firm replaces Lifeforce, promises better service to area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The sale of Lifeforce Paramedic Ambulance Service in Fairview Heights will result in enhanced service throughout the area, according to the president of the nonprofit ambulance service which purchased it.

Abbott Ambulance, a nonprofit service sponsored by St. Louis University Health Services Center and Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University Medical Center

Campbell sale ordered, Page 2A

president and CEO of Abbott.

He said they would continue to provide ambulance service to the areas Lifeforce had been in, and would continue to look for new areas.

His new company — which is Missouri's largest ambulance service — has been looking for a way to branch into the Metro East for some time.

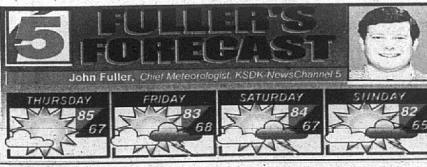
He said the larger ambulance service will be able to provide better and newer equipment, a new training program, and

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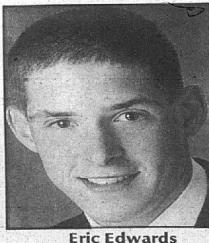
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Top Teen



Eric Edwards

Eric Edwards is a leader. Edwards, a senior back on the Granite City High School Warriors football team, is also a success in the classroom.

He participates in the honors program and plans to pursue a career in engineering.

Edwards was named the Warriors' most improved player last year and earned all-area honorable mention honors.

He is also a member of the Warriors football team and Varsity Club.

Edwards and the soccer Warriors (1-1) can next be seen at home Saturday against Marion. The game is set for 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game immediately following.



Greetings — Shae Douglas, 3, waves to participants in the Granite City Labor Day Parade on Monday from the lap of her cousin, Jackie Nail, 14. More photos on Page 4B.

News in review

Motive in fire uncertain

Barb and Joe Groce Sr. of Granite City were very happy for their son and his family when they moved into their first home last month just outside Maryville.

But on Friday, Barb Groce was trying to find somewhere for the family to stay after a fire destroyed the residence's basement at 124 Kimberly Court and caused extensive heat and smoke damage to the remainder of the house.

Authorities believe the blaze was arson and that it was racially motivated.

Joe Groce is white; his wife is black.

Barb Groce said her family is convinced that the act was racially-motivated.

Pot dealer gets 35 years

A Granite City man was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison Thursday for leading a marijuana trafficking and distribution organization.

Jimmie Poe Sr., 54, formerly of the 2700 block of Cayuga Street, was the third local man sentenced for his part in the conspiracy.

In April, Larry Ottinger was sentenced to 3½ years in prison, for 10 years supervised release and fined \$650. Also sentenced in April was John W. Lindsey, who received 35 years.

Poe was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison, five years supervised release and fines and special assessments totaling \$4,500. He had nothing to say before the sentence was handed down.

Hydrant plan rejected

An ordinance approving the placement of four fire hydrants in Gateway International Raceway was shot down by the Madison City Council at the suggestion of the city attorney.

The ordinance, read at Tuesday's council meeting, would have permitted Illinois American Water Co. to relocate four hydrants in Gateway, which is undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation. Instead the city will prepare an agreement giving permission for the relocation, but accepting no responsibility for the cost.

If approved, the Illinois American Water Co. would have been able to pass part of the cost of placing the hydrants and extending and relocating water mains on to city residents.

OSHA probing deadly blast

For the second time in as many years, a deadly fire struck the magnesium floor of the Spectrulite Consortium Inc. in Venice last Thursday.

One employee died and three others were seriously injured as a result of the fire at the plant, located at the corner of College Street and Baicum Avenue.

Thomas Rhein, 49, of Waterloo, died at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur from injuries sustained in the fire. He was pronounced dead just before noon — about four and a half hours after the fire ignited, authorities said.

6 arrested in heroin bust

Six individuals were arrested last Thursday evening when police executed a search warrant on an alleged heroin nest in Granite City.

Sixteen individual packages, or "buttons," of alleged black tar heroin, more than \$1,000 cash, dozens of used capsules and other paraphernalia were confiscated from the house at 1441 Madison Avenue as officers from the Granite City police department, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois and the Drug Enforcement Administration converged at about 5 p.m.

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Campbell owner must sell

Judge orders sale as part of ambulance firm's sentence

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The owner of a Centralia ambulance service has been ordered to sell the company as part of a federal sentence on more than 50 counts of mail fraud.

Roger Campbell, 45, owner of Campbell Superior Ambulance Co., was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge William D. Slagle to 10 years in prison, guilty to 50 felony counts of mail fraud and one felony count of obstruction of justice.

An employee of the company, William Harrell, 46, of Centralia, was sentenced to two years probation and fined \$600 on two counts of felony obstructing justice.

The company is headquartered in Centralia, but has offices in Granite City, Madison, Salem, Alton, Jacksonville, Springfield, Canton, Pekin and Peoria. In addition to ordering the sale of the

business, Stiehl sentenced Campbell to five months in prison, five months of home confinement, two years supervised release, fine, restitution and special assessments totaling \$28,560, and 200 hours of community service.

Campbell was also barred from operating a health care related business for five years.

In two civil cases, Campbell has also paid the U.S. government more than \$367,000 as a result of the improperly billed claims for ambulance service.

The claims were the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Human Services, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Campbell had been accused of submitting fraudulent claims for reimbursement from the Medicaid and Medicare programs. The claims were for

inflated charges for transporting patients from nursing homes to medical care providers, such as doctors, dentists and hospitals, prosecutors said.

Campbell and Harrell had recreated "rip tickets" filled out by drivers and attendants to document transfers of patients. Those phony trip tickets were presented to the auditors to cover up fraudulent billing.

The claims were initially audited by the Illinois Department of Public Aid in 1993, while investigating claims made by Campbell Ambulance Service between 1989 and 1992.

Health and Human Services investigators discovered the forms used by the two had not been printed until July 1992. Campbell also presented similar fraudulent trip tickets to a federal grand jury in East St. Louis in response to a subpoena issued as part of the investigation.

4 charged after fight in Madison

Battery, mob action alleged

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison police charged four people with multiple violations after an altercation in the 1600 block of Second Street Sunday.

Arrested were Elleane A. Davis-Pogue, 50, and Adine J. Smith, 21, both of the 1500 block of Second Street; Jeffrey J. Watkins, 20, of the 1600 block of Fourth Street; and Steven M. Watkins, 21, of the 1000 block of Washington.

All four were charged with one count each of resisting arrest, battery and mob action. Davis-Pogue, Watkins and Ellis were charged with one count of assaulting a police officer, and Smith with one count of disorderly conduct.

Further details were unavailable from police.

In other police news, two people were arrested on traffic-related charges.

Stacy Aaron Filter, 32, of the 2400 block of Winters Drive, Granite City, was charged with having no rear registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after he was stopped by police in the 1500 block of Market Street at about 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Filter was also wanted on a Madison city warrant for failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge.

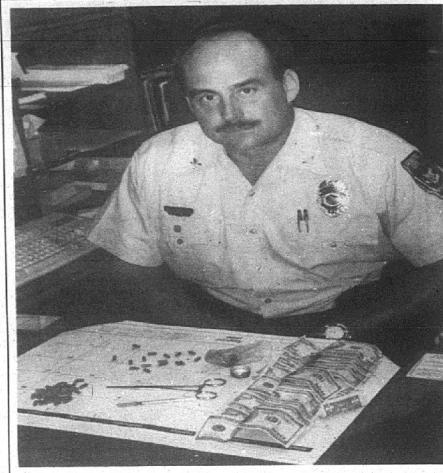
On Tuesday, Travis Gates, 20, of the 100 block of Carver, Madison, was arrested in the 1600 block of Market Street. He was charged with having no valid driver's license and an expired registration. He also wanted on two outstanding failure to appear charges, a battery charge from the city of Madison and an Illinois State Police charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

A Madison man charged with disobeying a police officer could also face additional charges after police found what they believe is marijuana in the man's house.

Donald R. Soden, 44, of the 1200 block of Iowa was arrested after police responded to a complaint about loud music at his home.

Police had been at the residence earlier that evening.

While talking to Soden, an officer noticed what appeared to be marijuana cigarettes on the television set.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Stash — Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen inspects some of the heroin, cash and paraphernalia confiscated in a search Thursday evening. Jerry Strahan was charged with one felony count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver it.

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Opinion

Commentary

Parents can make difference in education

(This opinion piece was written by Richard W. Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education.)

Now that kids are going back-to-school, it's time to ask: "What do you have to live to find good schools?"

The answer is: Good schools can be found anywhere in America. You can find them in urban cities, in the suburbs, and in rural towns. That's what Money magazine discovered when it went looking for America's 100 best school districts. The results of the search can be found in the January 1996 issue of the magazine, and it's an article that every parent, educator, and child-care expert should read.

"Money isn't everything," declared Money.

The districts that made the list have widespread community support and a high degree of parental involvement, and many were in areas where the average home cost less than the U.S. median.

The fact that good schools can be found anywhere — so long as parents are willing to commit — is good news for every citizen. We all have a stake in quality education, even those of us who don't have children in school. Strong schools build strong communities.

Because parental and community involvement are so important to education, the U.S. Department of Education and the national Partnership for Family Involvement in Education are launching an important new initiative to encourage back-to-school time. It's called "America Goes Back to School; Get Involved!"

This is the second year for this initiative, and I would like to invite you and every citizen to participate.

"America Goes Back to School; Get Involved!" asks parents, grandparents, neighbors, educators, students, and all community members to work together to achieve these goals: Making schools safer, more diverse, and drug-free; getting communities into classrooms; improving reading, making sure academic standards are high; preparing young people for college and making college more accessible. A free kit is available that offers lots of good ideas for achieving these goals in your community.

Many of these ideas have succeeded in helping communities like yours to improve their schools. Just call the U.S. Department of Education at 800-USA-LEARN and ask for the "America Goes Back to School" activities kit.

Until it arrives in your mailbox, here are a few tips to get you started:

— Parents: You can make

the biggest difference in your children's education. Research shows that when parents are involved in helping their children learn, good things happen. Children get better grades, behavior better in class, and are more likely to go to college. Here's what parents can do: Volunteer for school activities and stay in regular touch with teachers. Read to your very young children and share books with your older children. Limit TV to no more than two hours on a school night. And talk to your youngster about the values you want them to have and about the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco.

— Employers: Remember that quality education is critical to producing a quality workforce. Many businesses offer leave and/or flex-time to their employees to allow them to volunteer in schools and to give parents the time to participate in their children's school activities. These "family-friendly" businesses have been rewarded with higher employee productivity.

— Community Members: Work with the schools to offer after-school and summer enrichment programs and homework centers. Become neighborhood mentors with adult literacy efforts. Create safe corridors for children going to school. And encourage your local paper to report positive stories about young people.

— Schools: Schools can do the job along these lines and teachers and principals should remember that parents and community members are part of the education team. They can take advantage of community learning resources. They can meet with parents at the beginning of the school year to agree on goals and responsibilities. Most important, they can make parents feel welcome in the school and include them in decision making.

Southern Illinois President Ted Sanders summed it up best: "If schools are operating at maximum efficiency, they are responsible for about 40 to 50 percent of what a child learns. The other 50 to 60 percent of learning comes from the family and the community."

President Sanders is one of the four co-chairs of "America Goes Back to School; Get Involved!" Mr. Gore, the wife of Vice President Al Gore; Joan Dysktra, the president of the National PTA; and Bo Jackson, the 1985 Heisman Trophy winner for his great accomplishments in college football.

Prejudice: unjustifiable attitude

(This guest column is written by the Rev. Doug Rose, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, in Belleville.)

Times have changed, but perhaps one thing hasn't. What's that you ask? My answer — prejudice!

Prejudice is an attitude. Attitudes are combinations of feelings, beliefs and tendencies to act. Prejudice is an unjustifiable negative feeling towards individual members of a group.

Stereotyping is bunching people together under one label. Then, we think and talk as though all members of another group are identical. Stereotyping is making illogical generalizations, such as saying "those people are lazy!"

Stereotyping leads to prejudice. Prejudice leads to discrimination. It is withholding rights or privileges from a person or group, or treating persons unfairly by acting on the basis of prejudice, according to Dr. Billie Davis.

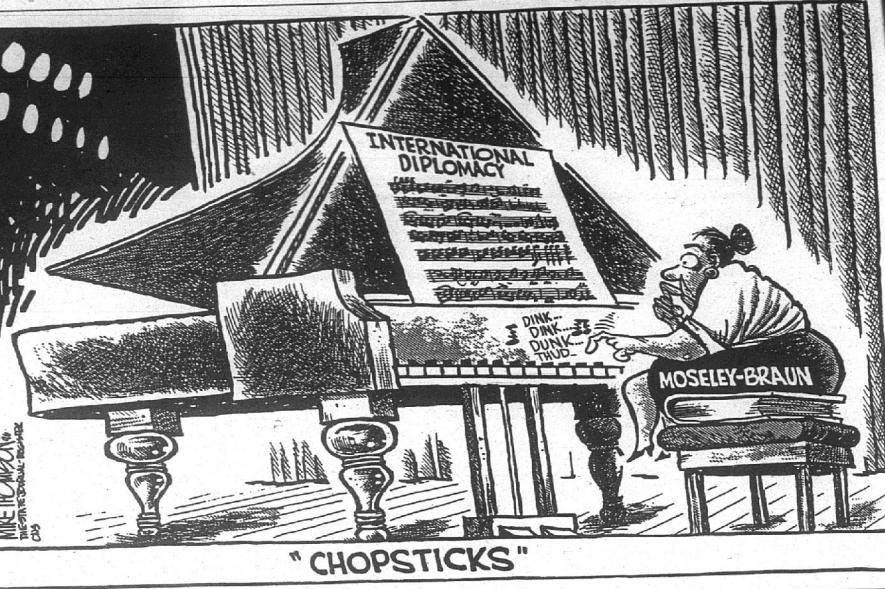
Racism is a combination of stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination on the basis of physical and cultural traits.

Racism may be an individual's attitudes and behavior, or it may be institutional practices that subordinate certain people.

The essential quality of racism is that a society is one in which social institutions, procedures, decisions and customs act on a majority population subjugate a racial group and permit another group to maintain control over them.

Racism can be conscious or unconscious, intentional or unintentional.

It is possible for persons to think they are not racist and yet say and do things that offend and promote racism. An example is the old TV Archie Bunker philosophy, from "All in the



Letters to the editor

Article was misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

I was so intent to read Mr. Slate's article regarding the teacher dismissal reported in the Aug. 22 *Press-Record*.

Mr. Slate cited the transcript of the telephone conversation between the teacher and the student involved in the incident. The transcript of this conversation is a confidential record.

Mr. Slate should not have had access

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that dismissal was the appropriate discipline, as they

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of the teacher, which the district

viewed as being unacceptable.

ELDIN REA
President
Board of Education

Respect for life a litmus test

TO THE EDITOR:

There have been moderate Republicans interviewed on the national media conveying their message that "Pro-Life" is a value that shouldn't be allowed to make an inroad or difference in the Republican Party's platform.

It is arrogant of them to dismiss the pro-life position while white in their shared "Pro-Life" values!

Being "Pro-Choice" may meet "politically correct" dictates of the "we're not let's be nice

to others" crowd, but it is a real "human sacrifice" of an innocent, dependant life.

If one's body is physically mature enough to conceive, then one must be of an age to emotionally accept the responsibility to, at least, bring the child into the world

for adoption.

As a board member, I do not

take employee dismissal lightly,

and can assure you that

the other board members

do either. Even though

the entire board did not agree

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ANN H. KARASEK,

Shiloh

Township good

the way it is

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this in regard to

the referendum to change our

township government.

We don't need a change and

we certainly don't want one. Nelson Hagnauer worked too hard and too long to accomplish what we have for senior citizens, especially our bus service. If this is changed, there are many more senior citizens and other services that are needed.

It seems that lately we have

acquired a small group of power-church members and wannabees and wannabes who are trying to take over and destroy what we have.

Let's not let them do it.

This referendum is placed on the ballot. I hope every senior citizen in Granite City will go to the polls and vote "yes" to keep our township government as it is.

If there should be a debate between (Township Assessor Darlene) Laub and (David) Parney, as suggested in the newspaper, I am sure there would be a lot of eyes opened to what is happening.

Let's not let them destroy what we have and what we really need.

ELSIE STAGGS
Granite City

Davis stands up for workers

TO THE EDITOR:

Steve Davis is the candidate for working families. We need someone standing up for working families in Springfield.

Steve is a proven leader for the rights of working people. He has a very strong positive voting record for labor and is always looking out for our interests. We need someone with Steve's experience pulling for our side. We need to vote for Steve in

November and show our support.

His opponent, Jim Mihalich, has already made it abundantly clear that he is management's candidate. Management, for its part, is going to give Mihalich a windfall of support. In fact, Mihalich is expected to be one of the largest campaign budgets ever in the 11th District.

Mihalich, in turn, has sub-Healy come out against legislation to take a bill for locked-out workers to collect unemployment. Also, he has come out against laws making it tougher for employers to hire replacement workers. Still

he is against raising the minimum wage. He is clearly against working men and women. He is management's candidate.

We need working men and women to get out and vote for Steve Davis.

RITA KNOWLES
East Alton

Mihalich can get things done

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to see more jobs and more opportunity in this area. The only way we can see this come true is to get some real leadership from our political leaders.

We needed someone new in there to create those jobs. Jim Mihalich is the guy. His family does a lot for the working families. Jim has issued a challenge for all employers in the area to hire one more employee, and that's the kind of leadership we need.

MIKE STAUDER
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LOCAL NEWS

Making ends meet

Labor Day offers new challenges for strikers

Labor Day takes on new meaning for nearly 6,700 striking McDonnell Douglas machinists who are finding it a challenge to make ends meet with the strike heading into its fourth month.

In the Metro East, the workers are finding it nearly impossible to obtain temporary work to pay bills, and some are forced to eat for food at pantries.

"It's very hard to obtain jobs, but no one will talk to you when they find out you are striking," said Kenny Sherer, a striking machinist from Bethalto. "They know you are going to go back to work, probably."

She said she had even tried to switch to Boeing at a recent job fair but that company "wouldn't take the chance."

Sherer's wife is a teacher's aide and he gets some pay for walking the picket line in St. Louis only one day a week, but the strike has taken a financial toll.

"This is taking all of our life savings. I've had to borrow money. I hope to get back to work to pay it back," he said.

Sherer has worked 14 hours for the company and said he does not know if the strike was worth it. He said the union isn't trying to prevent all "outsourcing" or subcontracting, it just wants members to have first crack at jobs so the work isn't sent elsewhere.

Victor G. Gandy, director of the Glen-Ed Pantry in Edwardsville, said 10 or 12 families of striking machinists have come in for food.

"I tried very hard to obtain jobs, but no one will talk to you when they find out you are striking. They know you are going to go back to work probably."

—Kenny Sherer
Striking machinist

"We're just kind of helping them as needed," she said. "Some have gotten part-time jobs driving for pizza places but nobody (else) is hiring them."

She said wife of another striking Metro East machinist said holding out is getting tougher. "We've kept hanging on but we're at the point now where there's no more hanging on," said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

She said her husband is also looking for temporary work.

"At our age, everything seems to be harder for us. We had no savings at all, we cashed in our insurance policy. Our options are running out. We're just praying the talks will turn out and they will put us back to work."

—From The Telegraph

State police to patrol school bus routes

Illinois State Police District 11 Commander Lonnie Inlow announced that his department in Collinsville will be taking action to promote the safety of those students who ride buses to school during the 1996-97 school year.

District 11 personnel will be patrolling on the routes that buses take to ensure compliance with the laws under a hireback grant from the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation/Division of Traffic Safety. Troopers will be enforcing illegal passing of school buses, speeding in school zones and other hazardous moving violations that occur around schools and the buses.

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DARE donation — Two junior members of the Daughters of the American Revolution Auxiliary 53 from Granite City — Amelia Tapp, left, and Amanda Scarsdale — present Granite City Police Department DARE officer Phillip Popmarkoff with a \$500 donation for the program.

Walks to fight breast cancer

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Helping in the fight against breast cancer can be as simple as taking a walk.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the fifth annual Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield Walks for Women will be held at two locations — one on each side of the river.

Providence College in Clayton and Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville will be holding both a 1-mile and a 5-mile walk for participants.

According to Muriel Carp, executive director of the Alliance Blue Cross Research Center in Missouri, all funds raised go directly to the battle against breast cancer. "The money goes to breast cancer research and education," she said. "We feel (the walk) is a way to show support for the cause."

Carp said early detection of the disease can lead to a 90 percent survival rate. The mortality rate for breast cancer victims is declining, but the number of cases are rising.

In 1995, approximately 184,300 new cases are expected to develop, Carp said. Women run a one in eight risk of developing breast cancer and a one in 28 chance of dying from the disease.

"Women need to know how to take care of their health," Carp said. "They need to know how to do a self-examination, even the teen-age girls."

Consequently, women participating in the walk will receive a laminated shower card with instructions on how to properly perform a breast self-examination.

Walks for Women will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the two locations. Walkers can begin at any time.

Mary Murphy of KTVI and Michelle Dibble of Y-98 FM will be at the Fontbonne site, and Gina Kurri of KTVI and Julie Buck of Y-98 will be at the Belleville site.

The fifth annual walk is co-sponsored by Fox Children's 2, Y-98, and The Suburban Journals. Martha Rounds, Cold Spring Water and Applause Entertainment & Productions will be supporting sponsors.

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Fifth-grade teacher Kate Stobbs practices opening files on one of the new computers which the school has purchased with the help of the Knights of Columbus. Next to Stobbs, third-grade teacher Justine Thornton

watches as John Mick, behind Thornton, a computer consultant and the father of a student, gives the teachers a quick familiarization with the machines.

School using technology to teach

After the students went home early the first day of school at St. Elizabeth's School in Granite City, the teachers stayed in and worked together to learn how to incorporate computer-assisted instruction into their weekly lesson plans as another teaching tool.

Sitting in the school's new state-of-the-art computer lab, the teachers spent the afternoon surfing through Windows '95, Oregon Trail II, the Human Body, Teacher's Tools and many more programs.

Thanks to many civic and business organizations, parents and individual donors, students in grades three through eighth grade will enjoy computer-assisted instruction.

The Knights of Columbus alone donated a large amount of money to the school's computer lab. Last year, a small committee of grant writers wrote several grants for St. Elizabeth students. One such grant, Toshiba, was given by Anita Stevens, a parent.

In November and December, St. Elizabeth will hear from two foundations on approval for a grant to convert the computer lab into a LAN (Local Area Network).

This year, both the seventh- and eighth-grade classes will study the human body in a more exciting way. Students will be able to learn the physical dimensions of the eye in a thematic semester on "Illusion," hands-on-related experiences. They will be introduced to wave theory, transmission of light, mirrors, reflection of light, refraction of a prism, lenses, anatomy and diseases of the eye, the brain and finalize with a field trip to an eye institute.

Students will be afforded the opportunity to bring in or create their own illusions. With emphasis placed at the higher level of Bloom's Taxonomy (synthesis, analysis and evaluation), students will use statistics to test hypotheses formulated about their results. Math will also be intermingled with the grant with statistical data in geometry.

Once the teachers at the junior high level spent a good part of their summer planning the entire lesson for this eager student.

The students will enjoy Illusion, especially when they dissect cow eyes. The computer and science classes will grow with new equipment: a new dissecting microscope, dissecting kits and pans, prisms, word processing and science software.

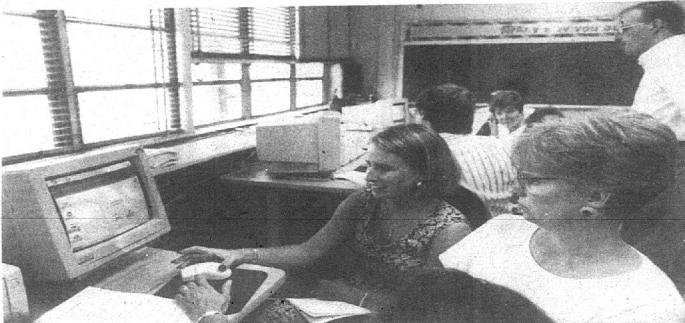
Bereavement group to meet

The Greater Madison County Chapter of the Compassionate Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Wood River Library, Ferguson and Third streets.

The program will be presented by Linda Adams of Creative Memories. She will discuss important techniques for preserving precious pictures and mementos, including creative methods and materials for mounting and labeling.

Compassionate Friends is an international self-help organization designed for bereaved parents. Putting precious items into meaningful order can be a therapeutic journey for such families.

For more information, call Mary Wildman at 377-8574 or Jean Luchtefeld at 888-2822.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)
Tammi Rideout, a first-grade teacher at St. Elizabeth's School in Granite City, shows eighth-grade teacher Chris Poiter how to open a program in Windows '95 in St. Elizabeth's new computer lab.

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Program puts people in touch with help

Sometimes the best solution to a problem is knowing where to go for help, according to the First Call for Help staff.

"People may be struggling and at wit's end and don't know what they're going to do. All they need is a helping hand to cope," Nancy Martin of United Way Partnership said.

That immediate need is the focus of the agency's First Call for Help, a person-to-person United Way Partnership service that can handle government paperwork and put callers in touch with community experts trained and willing to meet specific needs.

The service, based in Alton, is one of 119 programs at \$2.2 million annual budget.

The number one request is from families needing counseling, Martin said.

"They often need help with behavior problems with teens and children."

Help can also come from credit counselors ready to organize bills and get debt under control or food pantries offering an extra weekly ration until the breadwinner gets back on the job.

"It's that helping hand when life throws you a surprise," Martin said.

The agency was tested recently by a man who suffered burns over 40 percent of his body.

"He had no medical insurance, and he needed special equipment known as a Probst vest. The vest is custom made to cover the burned area while it heals, but it's needed immediately. He didn't have time to wait for government paper work to catch up," she said.

For the man, First Call was able to give some money and line up matching funds from others. The agency stepped in, made immediate contacts in the community and coordinated resources to get the equipment for the burn victim, she said.

"He's fine now and back to work," Martin said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Granite City Press-Record, September 5, 1996—9A

Obituaries

R. Chronister

Robert Lee Chronister, 56, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Aug. 30, 1996, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, David; a daughter, Amy; and stepson, Bill.

Survivors include his second wife, Luella (Willardt Hackethal) Buenger, whom he married July 20, 1965; a son, Harold Buenger; a son, Troy; a daughter, Linda; a son, Troy; a daughter, Clara Beckman of Granite City; a daughter-in-law, Juan Buenger of Niles; and two grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Friedens United Church of Christ.

member of Friedens United Church of Christ, where he served on the church cemetery board.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene (Vineyard) Buenger, whom he married July 22, 1932, and who died June 7, 1978; his parents, Louis and Mary (Heubner) Buenger; four brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include his second wife, Luella (Willardt Hackethal) Buenger, whom he married July 20, 1965; a son, Harold Buenger; a son, Troy; a daughter, Linda; a son, Troy; a daughter, Clara Beckman of Granite City; a daughter-in-law, Juan Buenger of Niles; and two grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Friedens United Church of Christ.

is. He was a member of the FFW in Wood River, the Eagles in Granite City, Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, the Mexican Honorary Commission in Granite City and Showtime Express in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa (Garcia) Fensterman of Granite City; his mother, Ellen (Bridges) Fensterman of Alton; and his daughter, Danielle Fensterman of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Peter Fensterman.

Services were Sept. 4 at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Wise and the Rev. Sharon Potter officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Arrangements are handled by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Eva Hansel

Eva (Casey) Hansel, 93, of Granite City, died at 7:23 p.m. Sept. 1, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Dec. 29, 1902 in Grand Tower. She was an office clerk for General Steel Casting in Granite City and retired in 1960. She was

a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary in Granite City for 53 years.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Hoffman; a son, Dennis and Frances (Bono) Sheddell.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at St. Boniface Catholic Church with the Rev. John Corredor officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials were requested to the American Heart Association.

C. Hoffman

Catherine Hoffman, 90, of Granite City, died at 11:25 a.m. Sept. 2, 1996, at Edwardsville Care Center East.

She was born March 25, 1906, in Glen Carbon and was a lifelong resident of Madison County. Recorder of Deeds office for many years before retiring. She was a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Frances Grando of Vigno, Italy; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Hoffman; a son, Dennis and Frances (Bono) Sheddell.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at St. Boniface Catholic Church with the Rev. John Corredor officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials were requested to the American Heart Association.

Sophia Harrison

Sophia Gordon Harrison, 80, of Granite City, died at 8:05 a.m. Aug. 26, 1996, at her home.

Mrs. Harrison was born April 20, 1915 in St. Charles, Mo. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two grandsons, Paul and Gordon of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mary Beth Gordon of Granite City; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Howard and Margaret (Dorlaque) Tapp; her first husband, Earl Hart; son, and grandson, Joe Gordon.

Graveside services were Aug. 27, at Calvary Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills in Glen Carbon.

Memorials were requested to the American Heart Association.

Lois Koenig

Lois (Pinkerton) Koenig, 83, of Granite City, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Wood River Township Hospital.

Born Sept. 25, 1913, in Granite City, she lived her whole life there, working for 30 years as a meat packer for Krey Packing Co., St. Louis.

Mrs. Koenig was survived by a son, Howard; two daughters, Jackie Tapp and Nora Arnett, both of Vero Beach, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Howard and Margaret (Bennham) Pinkerton and two brothers, Jr. and Harold Pinkerton.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Davis Funeral Home and officiated by Rev. Doug Koenig. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials were suggested to the Trinity United Methodist church.

Ruth Cann

Ruth Cann, 55, of Collinville, died Aug. 31, 1996, at her home.

Cann was born Oct. 15, 1940, in Charleston, Mo. She was a member of the Assembly of

Former Lifeforce president Jere J. Wilmerding was named vice president for public affairs for the new corporation.

The company started providing service in Pontoon Beach in 1982, and Venice and Brooklyn in 1984.

Last year Lifeforce considered pulling out of Madison County because it was losing money on the operation. Local officials — especially in the Pontoon and Mitchell areas — talked about creating an ambulance district, but plans for that have been put on hold.

•Service

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a data base that will allow better positioning of ambulances. In addition to providing better service, Dougherty said those improvements will help keep cost in line.

He said the company is constantly updating its computer database, which allows it to position ambulances according to the number and location of anticipated calls at different times of the day, resulting in faster response time.

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God Church.

Survivors include her husband James, a daughter, Paula Casey of Charleston, Mo.; two sons, Jimmy of Greenville and Darren of Collinville; one brother, Edward Jones of Collinville; five sisters, Mary Cann of Granite City, Marjorie Ousley of Edwardsville, Sandra Barnes of Granite City, Betty Brewer of Granite City, and Sharon Trammell of Imperial, Mo.; and four grandchildren...

Preceding her in death were her parents, Kild and Mabel (McCook) Jones; two sisters, Alice Garner and Geraldine Black; three brothers, James, David and Charles Jones.

Services were Wednesday at Shady Funeral Home in East Prairie, Mo., with the Rev. Mike Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Josephine (Glas) Niesciur; and two brothers, Stanley and William Niesciur.

Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Glen Carbon. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Dorothy Allen

Dorothy M. (Rushing) Allen, 82, of Granite City, died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 1996, at Colonial Care Center after a long illness.

Born Oct. 30, 1913, in Alton, Ill., Dorothy died in Granite City for 70 years.

She retired from her position as a supply specialist with the Mobility Equipment Company in 1972 after 25 years of service. She was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church for more than 60 years.

Survivors include one son, Ulysses, a son of Granite City; one brother, Ralph Rushing of Granite City; a sister, Jean Baldwin of Maryville, Mo.; a grandson, Michael of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Hodge, whom she married Feb. 11, 1939; a son, John J. Stavely of Granite City; a daughter, Barbara Ann Nicholson of McEwen, Tenn.; a sister, Betty Radfield of Pleasanton, Mo.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Allen Sr., whom she married Feb. 23, 1930, and who died in 1981; her parents, John and Anna (Veach) Rushing; and two brothers, Thomas and Raymond Rushing.

Services were Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens.

Curtis Hurlbut

Curtis Ward Hurlbut, 18, of Madison, died at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1996, at St. Louis University Hospital.

He was a 1996 graduate of East Alton-Wood River High School and served a short time in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include twin sons, Richard and Robert Kalka of Granite City; and a sister, Gladys Paritz of Detroit, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam, whom she married June 5, 1936, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison and who died March 3, 1987; her parents, Ignatius and

Leota Morrow of House Springs, Mo.; his fiance, Charity Balter of Wood River; two brothers, Eric Hurlbut of Madison and John Hurlbut of Alton; a stepmother, Kim Sweeney of Alton; a niece, Kristen Hurlbut of Madison; and a nephew, Eric Hurlbut of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Elmer Hurlbut, and maternal grandfather, George Knoll Dagon.

Visitation was from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road. Service arrangements are pending for Saturday at the funeral home, 931-8000. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Gertrude Stavely

Gertrude Delores (Dowdy) Stavely, 77, of Granite City, died at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis following a four-year illness.

Born Dec. 18, 1918, in Stewart County, Tenn., she was a homemaker, living most of her life in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Frank J. Stavely, whom she married Feb. 11, 1939; a son, John J. Stavely of Granite City; a daughter, Barbara Ann Nicholson of McEwen, Tenn.; a son, Michael of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Allen Sr., whom she married Feb. 23, 1930, and who died in 1981; her parents, John and Anna (Veach) Rushing; and two brothers, Thomas and Raymond Rushing.

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Gail Neidhardt

Gail Elaine (Fenton) Neidhardt, 44, of Granite City, died at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1996, at her residence following an eight-year illness.

Visitation will be at 4 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Central Free Methodist Church, 4150 South Street, Pleasanton, Mo. Interment will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at a funeral home with Brother John McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

•Petition

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But state law provides that the three preside over the hearing, the board ruled.

The fact that one's position and/or salary is being affected does not affect one's opinion as to whether the township form of government should or should not continue in the Town of Granite City," the board ruled.

Partney said the board's decision came as no surprise.

"We all knew it was a decision of the board beforehand," he said.

He said he will file an appeal of the board's decision in circuit court. If that fails, he will try to have the question placed on next April's ballot.

"I think I'm going to end up winning this thing in court," he said. "I have to file an appeal to take these streets again (to obtain signatures). But I will if I have to."

Granite City and its township are coterminous — they share the same geographic and political boundaries. Officials elected to the city council also serve on the township board of trustees.

Partney has said that the township form of government in Granite City is inefficient and a duplication of services. He said township residents would see lower property tax bills if the township government was eliminated and services were provided by the city or county.

Township officials have said there would be no tax savings because the services will have to be provided by some government entity.

•Shooting

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who was not injured — had apparently been in an earlier alteration with Proudie.

Police said that at about 1:28 a.m. Aug. 28, police responded to a report of a man shot in the 700 block of Third Street. When officers arrived they found the victim on the ground.

Witnesses said the intended victim and the suspect had an earlier fight on Baumann Avenue in New Haven. The victim was shot in the leg and when they saw the suspect drive up in a gray car and say "What's up now?" the suspect — who was identified by witnesses — then allegedly fired several shots with a semi-automatic rifle.

•Death

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wound. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later transferred to St. Louis University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at about 6 a.m.

Department Detective Steve Nunn, who is heading the investigation for the Major Case Squad, said several witnesses said the two had some kind of fight. As of Wednesday morning police were unsure exactly what the fight was about.

"He's not talking," Nunn said of the suspect, who was taken to Madison County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Nunn said no weapons were used and the suspect hit the victim once.

"There was an altercation, he (the suspect) hit him and the victim went down and never got up," Nunn said.

He added that because the suspect had not intended to severely harm the victim, he was charged with involuntary manslaughter.

The major case squad was activated at about 8 a.m. Tuesday. Detectives were on the scene by 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Madison City Hall, and were investigating Wednesday morning. Nunn said they expected to disband later that day.

Assistant Madison County State's Attorney Amy Maher said a detention hearing was expected to be held Wednesday.

If convicted, the suspect could be sentenced up to three years with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Maher said unless there are special circumstances juvenile felony offenders must be released on probation at 19.

Sports

Section B

September 5, 1996

GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

Warriors clip Eagles, net 1st win

GCHS kickers blank CM in home opener

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City soccer team defeated Civic Memorial 6-0 in a nonconference soccer game at The Gauntlet on Tuesday night. But despite the score, the Warriors are hardly flying on all cylinders at this point.

Granite City is 1-1 after its first two games. The Warriors traveled to Peoria on Saturday and beat Riverwoods 6-0 in their season opener.

And on Tuesday, in the home opener at the refurbished Gauntlet, the undermanned Eagles (0-2) held their own with the Warriors for quite some time. Actually, about one half.

Because when the second half started, the flood gates opened, and Granite City struck five times in a span of 22 minutes to put the game away.

Besides the six goals, the Warriors scored two more, but there were several more that should have gone in or did go in and were called back. After the game, GCHS coach Gene Baker was still looking

good ball, there was nobody around him."

Baker apparently doesn't think his team is nearly as good as it should be right now. Until the second half, though, the Warriors had scored only one goal in three halves of soccer. He added Saturday's scoreless tie really didn't complete Tuesday's come-from-behind win.

"Saturday was a much better team that we played against then," Baker said. "(CM coach Dan Woelfel) does a good job with the team and they play with a lot of inspiration. But we're not getting help from some spots where we have to get it."

It was the Warriors who got big-time help. Tuesday night was from the senior class. All six goals came from seniors, including two each from Kyle Briggs and Scott Mills. George Wolfe and Walt Greathouse also tallied for Granite City.

It was Briggs who gave the Warriors a 1-0 lead in the first half when he took a corner kick, faked a pass, beat two defenders and right-footed a rocket over the collapsed defense.

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GCHS 6, CM 0	
CM	0 0 — 0
GCHS	1 5 — 6
	First Half
GC	Kyle Briggs (unassisted), 7:21.
GC	Scott Mills (unassisted), 46:40.
GC	George Wolfe (unassisted), 47:31.
GC	Scott Mills (unassisted), 63:58.
67:08	GC — Walt Greathouse (unassisted), 68:24.
GC	Kyle Briggs (unassisted), 68:24.
	Second Half
CM	Corner Kicks
CM	0 0 — 0
GCHS	3 4 — 7
	Goalkeepers — Civic Memorial: Brandon Ulrich (26 saves, 18 errors). Granite City: Alex Bautsch (1 shot, 1 save). Craig Murphy (1 shot, 1 save).
	Shots on Goal
CM	1 1 — 2
GCHS	10 15 — 25
	Corner Kicks
CM	0 0 — 0
GCHS	3 4 — 7
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for an explanation of why Eric Edwards' shot that deflected off CM keeper Brandon Tincker's hands wasn't counted as a goal in the 46th minute.

At that point, it was still a 1-0 game.

"The one he called back that Eric hit, he called goalie interference," Baker said. "The kid got interfered by the ball. The ball was a rocket. It was just a 1-0 game."

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(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

GCHS co-captains Kyle Briggs (right) and Eric Edwards move with the ball downfield. Briggs had two of the Warriors' six goals in Tuesday's game.

Gateway set to unveil drag strip

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The time has come for big-time racing to return to Gateway International Raceway.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers present the Monster Mopar Wukers XI, which is also sponsored by Arby's and Pepsi-Cola.

It marks the official beginning of a new era at the raceway, as the new 4,000-foot drag strip will be open in centerline at noon Saturday. By the time next July comes around, the raceway will be completed, and two ovals will join the strip, making the raceway one of the most up-to-date facilities in the Midwest.

Once built, the strip is 1.25 miles in length, with medium banks and 2,000-foot straightaways. The other track will be a road course measuring 1.85 miles in length, long enough that it can be divided into two separate courses if needed.

More than 15,000 permanent seats will be available for the strip, with 35,000 temporary seats for the oval track. An additional 5,000 temporary seats can be used for the strip, and 20,000 temporary seats are available for the oval, bringing the total spectator seating to 36,000 for the drag strip and 46,000 for the oval.

Pete Wickham, spokesman for Gateway International, said he and his team will come out this weekend to see the improvements, although he asked that fans should "please excuse our dust."

"We're giving our best to get this thing in place," Wickham said. "And right now we're on target to have the entire renovation done for June 30 of next year, which will be our three months ahead of schedule."

"Everyone's really happy about that, and let's face it — the investors who have put money into this project will be happy to be getting an early return on their investment."

Wickham said there will be no permanent seating for this weekend's activities, but more than 10,000 temporary seats will be available.

"We're really looking forward to this weekend, and we're excited about what it means to us," he said. "We want to go back to quarter-mile racing and that's been echoed by our fans. Plus, the old drag strip is being used again, so be, so this allows us to move forward with the overall plans."

Wickham said that although the raceway will be a big-time venue for major sports, the next year or so local drivers will have to search for somewhere to compete.

"We would like to get the word out that there's a lot of car drivers around who, if they just get to get their kicks," he said. "We have a lot of major events planned for the future, so we want this to still be the place where local drivers and local drivers can feel at home."

"We think we can be that," (See GATEWAY, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Kevin Harris makes a toss against Cahokia. The Warriors play host to O'Fallon at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

GCHS looks to rebound in Week 2 test with O'Fallon

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It could be that one of the Granite City football team's big weaknesses this year will be a lack of depth.

More specifically, the fact that most, if not most of the Warriors' players, both offense and defense could make it difficult for them to stay in games through all four quarters with many of the best teams in the area.

Last week, Cahokia coach Rob Eden cited the Warriors' lack of depth as a main reason his team was able to outlast the Warriors.

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GCHS down late in the game. After a competitive first half, Cahokia erupted for 32 points in the second half and cruised to a 46-7 win.

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"We defeated McClellan North 3-2, and we were down with our strength, but more with our quickness," Eden said. "We knew we'd make our share of mistakes (Friday), but we would be able to hang around until late in the game, we'd be able to outlast the Warriors."

(See GCHS, Page 3B)

Triad netters top Lady Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City girls tennis team fell to 1-1 on the season with a 5-2 loss to Triad in the Lady Warriors' home opener.

It was a bit of a disappointing effort, considering GCHS blanked McClellan North 7-0 in the season opener Aug. 28. But all in all, GCHS is playing a good brand of tennis in the early going.

"Triad was a pretty strong team," said Linda Wadsworth, coach Linda Ames. "They have quite a few seniors, like we do, and they're a lot like us. They just beat us (Tuesday)."

The competition was a little stronger on Tuesday, but Ames still knows that the Lady War-

riors can play better than they did on Tuesday.

"We defeated McClellan North 3-2, and we played really well in that one," Ames said. "They weren't as strong as Triad, but overall we played much better."

"I was concerned about the three-day weekend, when you don't have to get up as early. That's when we're tired, that's when we're tired, and that was reflected in what they did on the court."

Triad seemed to win the big points overall Tuesday, but did dominate at times in the match.

Granite City's Geeta Kumar took her lumps against the Lady Knights' Amy Potts in the No. 1 singles match. Potts won 7-5, 6-4 decision over Kumar.

At No. 2 singles, Michelle

Montgomery improved to 2-0 on the season with a 3-6, 6-4 win over Janna Andreas. In No. 3 and 4 singles, neither Adina Lewis nor Melissa Nelson played their best. The second singles, Lewis dropped a 6-6, 6-6 match to Andrea Noascono, and Nelson lost 0-6, 1-6 to Melissa Hayes.

In doubles, Granite City's No. 1 team of Linda Clutre and Kara Ballew fell to Erin Crosby and Erica Craig of Triad by the scores of 5-7, 6-7. No. 2 doubles team Kim Lewis and Adina Lewis dropped the match to Mary Sichtar and Larrah Astrauskas 2-6, 4-6.

The other GCHS win came at No. 3 doubles where Julie Heidebrand and Krynn Niggl improved to 2-0 with a 6-2, 6-3 (See LADY WARRIOR, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Adina Lewis returns a shot in Tuesday's match against Triad. The Lady Warriors are scheduled to play at East St. Louis Lincoln today.

People



Parade salutes Labor's Day



Nice September weather brought out a large crowd to the annual Labor Day Parade in Granite City Monday. Above, Michaela Woodson, 2, and Robert Mullen, 3, collect candy during the parade as, at left, Granite city firefighters throw handfuls of tootsie rolls to children lining Madison Avenue.

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Devon Hastey, 3, left, and James Lear, 4, collect tootsie rolls.



Steve Conkovich of Madison, dressed as Gen. Douglas MacArthur, salutes spectators from the back of an army jeep.



A member of the Granite City High School marching band plays the flute during the parade.



Sherry Miller of Granite City points out the passing of the parade to her daughter Caylee, 3, as it turns onto 27th Street.



A clown — one of the most popular parts of the parade — rides past spectators on a pedal-powered, four-wheel cycle.

Horoscope



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Thursday, Sept. 5
With Mercury newly turned retrograde, it's a good idea to repeat yourself. Expect all

messages to be fouled. Under the Gemini moon, revel in debates, competitions, games, sports and the occasional friendly wager. When you pose a problem to someone, let them solve it for you. A bad habit can be broken for good when you release it to the universe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A colleague's plan allows you to kill two birds with one stone. Pay an overdue visit to an old friend. An evening at a party or festival leads to romance. Spend money on a gift. Tell the truth to your lover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A relative leans on you. A white elephant is a lover's pain and embarrassment. Financial prospects improve when you create a partnership. Your strength and compassion

make you the mainstay of your family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Question a co-worker's devotion to the job at hand. Reap financial benefits from a long trip. Be discreet about the affairs of an acquaintance.

You have luck at games and cards tonight. Thoughts of your lover bring peace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Express your love as only you know how — someone is affected more than he or she lets on. A valuable tool comes in an unlikely package. You would be lover exacting how you feel. Money comes through a relative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An absent-minded comes to haunt you today. Offer your home to an unexpected visitor. An evening on the town with

your lover becomes especially romantic. Lend a child a sympathetic ear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 5). All the sacrifices of the last year pay off now as for those smiles on your face. People who have been holding you back will stop hassling you this month. Job interviews and traveling recommendations are October gifts. Money flows in through new employment or a part-time business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Express your love as only you know how — someone is affected more than he or she lets on. A valuable tool comes in an unlikely package. You would be lover exacting how you feel. Money comes through a relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Balance educational plans and financial obligations. The magnetism between you and your lover is intense. Your college friend or mentor offers career advice. Extra hours on the job

bring in extra cash.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). You are more productive in a new routine. Work hard to achieve an educational goal. Settle a dispute between relatives or friends. Learn something new about your lover tonight. An artistic evening refreshes you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Look for new ways to please your lover. Your sensitivity and your lover's sensitivity calls for kid gloves. Your devotion to your work leads to bonus or promotion. Pick up money-making tips from a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoid letting a cynical co-worker taint your idealism. Morning fatigue wears off by noon. Get a promise in writing. A lover's calm assurance works as a salve tonight.

URWIND with music or a book. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid making a judgment until you know the whole story. A difference of opinions strengthens a friendship. A short trip with your lover rekindles the romance. Learn a valuable lesson on the job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An interview goes without a hitch. Your discrimination and sensitivity are in demand. A lover lends support and provides transportation. Receive a paycheck or monetary gift. Raise your personal standards.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Discourage gossip among co-workers. Your lover has ulterior motives — ask for explanations. Follow your conscience on an important decision. Soften criticism.

Fall brings college football season, beautiful landscapes, weather

By Kevin Carberry
Staff writer

We are about to enter my favorite time of the year.

With the coming of fall you get the cool, crisp weather, beautiful landscapes, leaves changing colors and all kinds of activity in the sports world.

As a sports nut, I eat up the autumn calendar. I look for the baseball pennant races heating up. Hockey and basketball training camps start. Pro football gets going.

And, of course, the college football season kicks off.

I love college football, even though the team from my alma mater, Mizzou, has had a few less-than-stellar seasons of late. Well, OK, actually, of

Tigers have been two steps below terrible for more than 10 years.

But that doesn't mean it's not fun to go to the games. I enjoy nothing better than to hang out with my friends and root for our inter-state Columbia on fall Saturdays.

The whole experience is a blast for me. The ride to the game is a good time, as my friends and I can concoct scenarios in which the Tigers can possibly win, such as if the entire other squad would come down with food poisoning or if Eric Dickerson would suddenly become eligible to play in Missouri's backfield.

Then, in Columbia, we enjoy either tailgating or hitting one of the local eating and drinking establishments. During the

hours before the kickoff, you still hold onto the fantasy that you will be the year the team's last win.

Mizzou upsets a Nebraska team in Oklahoma. I was at the games the last two times when Mizzou beat the Sooners. In 1988 and 1989, and I'd love to have that thrill again sometime in my life.

The games themselves have not been all that joyful for Mizzou fans since the team's last win in 1983. The 1983-84 school year was my last as a student at Mizzou, by the way, so I guess I should feel fortunate to have been there for the last of success.

But, that said, it's still a pleasure to be in a college football stadium. It's a great atmosphere, and there's

always the hope that this will be the year when the team's luck will turn around. I mean, look at Northern Illinois. They had 23 consecutive losing seasons, then went 10-2 last year and went to the Rose Bowl.

This week's trivia is on college football. Go Tigers. Miz.

1. Bubba Smith, the actor and former football star, played for which college gridiron team?

2. Which team holds the record for the most consecutive wins in college football's Division 1-A?

3. Who is the coach of the four major college football teams coached by Paul "Bear" Bryant during his career?

4. What year was the first Rose Bowl played?

5. Conrad Dobler, the former football Cardinal offensive line for the year, played his college ball for which high school?

6. Who is the only player to have won the Heisman Trophy twice?

7. Which college football figure is known to be a lineman, known to be big and dumb? To be a back you only have to be dumb?"

8. San Francisco 49er wide receiver Jerry Rice starred on which college football squad?

9. Who is the coach of the Northern Wildcat's?

10. Which school holds the record for the longest losing streak in Division 1-A?

ANSWERS: 1. Michigan State, 2. Oklahoma, with 47 straight wins from 1953 to 1957. 3. Maryland, in 1945; Ken-

tucky, from 1946-1953; Texas A&M, from 1954-1957; and Alabama, from 1958-1962. 4. 1902, when Michigan stomped Stanford 49-0. Wyndham Dobler, known as the dirtiest player in the NFL during his career, was one of my heroes. 6. Ohio State's Archie Griffin, who played for Ohio State in 1974-75. 7. Notre Dame Coach Knute Rockne. 8. Mississippi Valley State. 9. Gary Barnett, who is from St. Louis. 10. No, not Mizzou. It's Columbia University, which lost 44 in a row from 1983 to 1988.

Kevin Carberry can be heard as a member of "The KMOX Trivia Party" radio show from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on KMOX-AM (1220).

Music is star in movie, 'Kansas City,' featuring young jazz musicians

If ever there was a movie in which music is the star, it's Robert Altman's "Kansas City."

With the Depression-era Midwestern city as his backdrop, Altman has assembled some of the hottest, hippest and most talented young jazz musicians around to create the best jazz session cinema has ever witnessed.

But while the marvels of swing-era jazz provide the film with not only rhythm but also substance, the story itself is bogged down and lifeless and there's a grating performance by Jennifer Jason Leigh.

The year is 1934. Kansas City, where gambling is king and prostitutes queens, is holding municipal elections amid a corrupt political machine.

But the musicians are usual for big-time gangster Seldom Seen (Harry Belafonte) and his Hey Hey Club, where an all-night jam is in progress with some of the greats of the day — like Charlie Parker and Count Basie.

Business as usual, that is, until a two-bit punk named Johnny O'Bryan (Demian Bichir) robs Seldom Seen of his money. Seldom Seen, Red (A.C. Smith) not only does Johnny stick up, but he has the audacity to paint his face with black shoe polish so Seldom Seen will think a black man committed the crime.

Seldom is not a man to mess with, and it takes him no time at all to track Johnny, pick him up and drag him back to the club, where he's held in high regard for his band playing by a thread, while sweet swinging jazz thunders above.

Johnny's shrill, white trashy wife, Blonde (Leigh), doesn't like the band's lighting. So she kidnaps Carolyn Stilton (Miranda Richardson), the junkie wife of an adviser to President Roosevelt, and carts her off to the city. Seldom Seen arranges a swap for Johnny. The two women manage to form a strange bond of sorts and become fast friends.

Meanwhile, Blonde's sister, Babe (Brooke Smith), is married to Johnny Flynn (Steve Buscemi), who leads his gang of thugs throughout the city

beating up voters who pull the wrong lever and flooding the polls with phony votes.

While Altman's jazz riffs build in intensity, so does the violence, and the denouement is as heady as a saxophone solo.

Altman is an actor's director and during his career has managed to elicit stirring performances from some of the most astute performers in Hollywood. He lets his actors to mold their characters in their own styles and encourages improvisation.

In "Kansas City," this works extremely well. Belafonte, who steals the movie with his gravelly voiced portrayal of the gangster. But it doesn't work with Leigh, who is painfully miscast as Blonde.

Apparently, it was her idea to wear false, stained teeth, and the result is that you want to avert your eyes from the screen. She also uses the same screeching voice she uses in so many other performances, and tries so hard to mimic Jeff Harlow — supposedly Blonde's idol — that the role quickly becomes boring.

Mulroney has little to do, except respond to his editor's demands and his wife's whines. And that's too bad because he's an effective young actor who has demonstrated a lot of appeal and promise on the screen.

Richardson is perfect as the laudain-swilling Carolyn, and Buscemi does his usual

good turn as a hot-headed thug.

But keep your eyes on the stage and check out the likes of Tootsie Cyrus Chestnut as Count Basie, Don Byron on baritone sax, and Jessie Davis and David "Fifehead" Newman on alto sax. Also, make sure performances are Ron Carter and Christian McBride on bass, James Carter and Joshua Redman on tenor sax and Nicholas Payton on trumpet.

There are other notable musicians as well in "Kansas City," and they deserve a big hand.

The Fine Line Features release was produced by Altman, who co-wrote the script with Frank Barhydt. Scott Bushnell served as executive.

— Associated Press

Organizations

Britt A. Barnes, Zachary A. Coe, Keith W. Hopke, Brian E. Kamadulski, Steven M. Kirkpatrick, Timothy A. Kirkpatrick, Mitchell W. LeVart, Dustin S. Maden, Mark K. Smith, K. S. Smoot, and William R. Witz became the newest members of James St. Art Chapter, Order of De Molay at the Palace at Six Flags Over St. Louis early Saturday morning, 24, as they and seven other Illinois young men received their Initiaty Degree conferred by a Ritualistic Illinois De M. L. Ritual Team and their De Molay Degree conferred by a Ritual Team from the De Molay Chapter from Crestwood, Mo.

Following the initiation, De Molay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, parents and advisers enjoyed a day at Six Flags.

Representing the local chapter was asst. chapter master De Molay Dan Essington (master councilor), Bobby Beausejour, Joe Carney, Earl Clark, Jeff Harlow, David Miles, Shannon Gerken, David Harbinson, Matt LeVart, Jason Miles, Jeremy Niemeyer, Larry Obermeier, Adam Schillinger, Caleb Sherrick, Dan Watson, Jon Weiss, and Eric Yurcinsky.

Jobs Daughters from Bethel 21 in Granite City, Shanna Keel, Sarah Myers, Dawn Staggs and Michelle Staggs; and

Advisers and parents Ed Bodnam, Bill Cochran, Dean Gergen, Jo Meyer, Charles M. Vitis, Vicki Turner, John Staggs and Floyd Watson.

At noon, the St. Charles, Mo. Chapter served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soda for the initiation.

At 8 p.m. that evening, Illinois De Molay hosted a reception and dance at the Stratford Inn in Fenton, Mo. honoring 1996 Illinois De Molay State Master Councilor Jill Bartholomew from Pauline Stephens Chapter in Rockville, Ill. Illinois De Molay State Sweetheart Representative Becca Jungwirth from Templar Chapter in Rock Island, Ill. John Blondell, Past Illinois State Master Councilor, was in

charge of the Six Flags arrangements.

David K. Poffenbarger, Rock Island, the executive officer for the Jurisdiction of Illinois, and the Supreme Council Order of De Molay in Kansas City, Mo. founded in 1919 by Frank S. Land; and Ben Witt, Brighton, an area going to the new De Molay; were present for the day.

Attending the evening reception from the local chapter were: Bobby Beausejour, Dan Essington, Mark Gilley, James Star, Chapter Sweetheart Amanda Young and her mother Barbara Andrew, Linda Gilley, Paul Gilley and Andy Gilley.

James Stuart Chapter was also represented and is in its 75th year of service to the youth of the Quad Cities as the first chapter in the International Order of De Molay in Illinois and the first chapter east of the Mississippi River.

De Molay is a character-building organization for young men ages 12 to 21 years. The local chapter meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Antoff, their son Adam Schillinger and other members of the family hosted a swimming party at their pool from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday night, Aug. 27.

For more information about De Molay, call Dan Essington at 452-4942 or Chapter Adviser Charles Meyer at 451-7575 or 345-5231.

Seniors meet Sunday

The Granite City Senior Social Club will meet for games at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served at 1 p.m.

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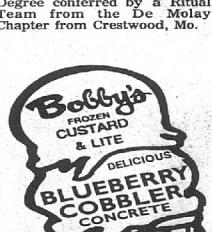
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Engagements



Beth Epperson and Anthony Krueger Jr.

Epperson-Krueger

Beth Ann Epperson, daughter of Fred and Joyce Epperson of Granite City, and Anthony Kent Krueger Jr., son of A.K. and Lynda Krueger of Jerseyville, have announced their engagement.

Grandparents of the couple are Lowell and Jean Burnett of Springfield, Ill.; Glennon Krueger of Jerseyville; Barbara Wyat of Granite City; Terri Epperson of Tazewell, Tenn.; and the late Anthony Krueger and Ray Epperson.

Epperson, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School, received her associate's degree in nursing from Lewis & Clark Community College in 1995.

She is employed as a registered nurse at both Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville and St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Krueger, a 1993 graduate of Jersey Community High School, is a member of the Illinois Air National Guard.

He is working toward a degree in geography at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

An Aug. 2, 1997, wedding at First Assembly of God Church in Jerseyville is being planned.

Brees-Kovar

Shaylene R. Brees, daughter of Peggy Hagemeyer of Troy and Hugh and Sylvia Brees of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Herman W. Kovar Jr., son of Herman Kovar Sr. of Hardin and JoAnn Lutz of Elash, have announced their engagement.

Brees, of Granite City, is a graduate of North Pole High School in North Pole, Alaska. She is a teller with First Collinsville Bank in Collinsville.

Kovar, a graduate of Lewis and Clark High School in Jerseyville, is employed as a Big River Zinc in Saugat as a CAD draftsman.

A Sept. 14 wedding at Calvary Baptist Church in Edwardsville is being planned.



Shaylene Brees and Herman Kovar Jr.

Weddings



Michelle and Steven Lehman

Lehman-Nesbit

Michelle Renee Lehman and Steven Charles Lehman were married April 27, 1996, at Belcourt Place in Belleville by the Rev. Roy Boyer.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Charlotte Nesbit of Granite City. A 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1990 graduate of Maryville University in St. Louis with a bachelor's of arts degree in business administration, she is employed as a customer relations manager with Illinois Power.

The groom is the son of James and Ethel Sheaffer of Mount Pulaski, Ill., and Charles and Sandra Lehman of Phoenix, Ariz. A 1989 graduate of Mount Pulaski High School and a 1991 graduate of Lincoln Community College with an associates degree in social criminal justice, he is completing a computer design degree.

He is employed as a loss prevention supervisor with Best Buy Inc.

Diana Jane Haselhorst of St. Louis was the maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were Denise Bishop; Denise Horve; Lori Lehman, sister of the groom; and Angela Votoupal, cousin of the bride.

Eric "Chip" Grigsby III of Springfield, Ill., was the best man. The groomsmen were Steven Haselhorst; Thomas Miller, brother of the bride; and Nathan Nesbit, brother of the bride; and Brian Rexroad.

The ushers were Bruce Ringkob of St. Paul, Minn., and Peter Dero of Durango, Colo.

The reception was held at the Belcourt Place.

Following a honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple moved to Normal, Ky.



Sherry and Joseph Macko

Macko-Ryan

Sherry Ryan and Joseph Macko, both of Granite City, were married Aug. 31, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nev.

A reception will be held later this year.

Anniversaries



The Rev. and Mrs. Leo Perkins

Perkins

The Rev. and Mrs. Leo Perkins will celebrate their 50th anniversary with reception hosted by their children from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the First Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, located on U.S. 41 South in Henderson, Ky.

The Perkins' were married Sept. 14, 1946, at the Friendship General Baptist Church in East Alton by the Rev. Leo Walton.

Perkins served as minister at Goshen General Baptist Church in Granite City from 1962 to 1971.

The Perkins' have two children, son Ken (Kathy), who graduated from Granite City High School and resides in Waterloo; and a daughter, Karen (Dan) Dant who lives with her family in Robards, Ky.

Births

Jeffrey Giesecking and Jeffrey and Ruth Giesecking of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Jeffrey Dale Giesecking Jr. was born at 7:55 p.m. July 6,

1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Leona Sharleville of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Kenneth Giesecking of Highland and Marilou Giesecking of Edwardsville.

Agnes Giesecking of Troy is the paternal great-grandmother. Jeffrey joins two sisters, Kimball, 7, and Heather, 1.

Organizations

The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council 1098 Ladue Auxiliary was held Aug. 11 with the new officers for the year presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Bronnauer, president. The opening prayer was led by Connie Wheeler, guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Emma Krich, secretary, and approved. Communications were read, followed by the treasurer's report, given by Margaret DeRunz.

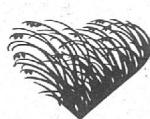
New members Margaret Ferrow were given the pledge and welcomed by the 28 members who were present.

Dixie Boyer, vice president, asked if any members were ill; none were.

Theresa Straubinger, craft show chairwoman, gave a report regarding the annual craft show, to be held Nov. 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City. Preparations are progressing, but the group still needs crafters for the show. For more information or spaces available, call 797-1290.

The attendance prize for the evening was won by Olga Mink.

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